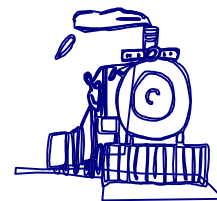


City of Bremen NEWS ON THE TRACKS



Scheduled Meetings

March 12th –
5:30 PM, DDA, City Hall
Conference Room

March 12th –
7:00 PM, City Council
Bremen Senior Center

March 15th –
7:00 PM Recreation
Commission
Bremen Senior Center

March 26nd –
5:30 PM, Planning &
Zoning, City Hall
Conference Room

Calendar of Events

March 10th -
Bremen Car Cruise
5:00 PM, Downtown
Bremen

March 17th -
Saint Patrick's Day

March 21st -
Spring Begins

April 6th -
Good Friday

April 14th -
Bremen Car Cruise
5:00 PM, Downtown
Bremen

Opening up a business in Downtown Bremen

If you've already decided that you want to join our downtown family and open up a business, don't forget to stop by the Better Hometown Office in City Hall! Below is a list of some of the things our office can do to help prospective and current downtown business owners.

- We can provide a current list of available properties for rent or for sale within our district.
- We can provide information on available grants (**FREE** money). These grants are for building owners looking to do some rehabilitation.
- We can provide you with a free Design Guideline packet. The packet includes information on the correct type of signage to be used, appropriate awnings, etc.

These are just a few things that the Better Hometown Program can assist your with. For more information call the Bremen Better Hometown Office at (770) 537-2331 or visit our website at www.downtownbremen.com.

FOR SALE

Would you like to give a gift that will last for years to come? The Downtown Development Authority is offering a limited number of benches for sale in the new downtown streetscape around the fountain and landscape areas. The purchase of the bench will also include a plaque engraved with a personalized message. The price of each bench with a plaque is \$750.00. For more information contact Julia Stephenson at (770) 537-2331.

Does your small business need FREE help?

Jennifer Clendenin and RuthAnn Carlton just might be your answer. As staff of the University of West Georgia's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), they provide business and economic development assistance.

The SBDC offers free, confidential consulting to existing business owners as well as individuals in the latter stages of planning their business. In addition, the SBDC offers several classes for a small fee, including "Starting Your Own Business". During this two and a half hour class students will learn about how to get tax and license information, choosing a location, marketing and advertising, conducting market research, structuring a business legally, estimating start-up costs, figure cash flow projections, financing alternatives and how to write a winning business plan.

For more information on setting up a business consultation or on classes offered by the SBDC, call them at (678) 839-5082 or visit their website at <http://www.westga.edu/~sbdc/>.

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